

## ORCHID NEWS

**September 2010** Read on for...shows and events around the country and at the nursery this month, news, seasonal growing tips, special offers, plants in bud and new additions.

### We've travelled a few miles to bring our orchids to You!

Last month we went to great lengths to take our orchids around the British Isles to you!

A thousand mile round trip to the Orchid Weekend at Scone Palace in Perth, Scotland was the first in August and a sunny weekend brought the visitors to this beautiful stately home. Thanks to our Scottish orchid friends who patronised the event once again.

Secondly we made our 950 mile round trip to Coleman's Garden Centre near Belfast. With 5 countries in 3 days it was a whistle stop tour going from Devon to Stranraer in Scotland, over the water to Belfast then back down to Dublin, across to Holyhead and home via North Wales. Phew!

We are very happy to travel the many miles around the UK to bring our orchids to you; as long as you continue to support our events, we'll continue to come!



### September Shows...

Here's where we'll be this month, please come and see us...

**Orchid Festival at National Botanic Garden of Wales, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

Many exhibitors plus talks and lots to see in the gardens too. Sat 10.00am – 6.00pm, Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm. Situated near Carmarthen, South Wales.

[www.gardenofwales.org.uk](http://www.gardenofwales.org.uk)

Tel 01558 668768



**Bournemouth Orchid Society Autumn Show, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> September**

at the Beaufort Community Centre, Beaufort Road, Bournemouth. Open 12noon to 4.30pm

[www.erythos.com/BOS/](http://www.erythos.com/BOS/)



**East Midlands Orchid Society Show, Sun 26<sup>th</sup> September**

at the Bottesford Village Hall, Bottesford, near Nottingham, NG13 0BG. Open 10am to 4.30pm

[www.eastmidlandsorchidsociety.org](http://www.eastmidlandsorchidsociety.org)

We hope to see you at one of these events and if you would like any plants or sundries brought along then please do let us know, no obligation. We have so many orchids, we can't bring them all to an event so it's always best to ask to avoid disappointment on the day.

## Save £££ at the Nursery Sale this Month!

**Orchid Sale Weekend**  
**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10am–4pm**

Pick up a bargain in the nursery this weekend, there will be lots of special offers and reduced plants, an ideal way to increase your collection.

As a special thank you to you, our *Orchid News* readers, here is a special voucher you can use on our sale weekend to get **10% off** any plants that are not reduced in the sale!

**10% OFF**

**ORCHIDS ON 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

**BRING THIS VOUCHER TO GET  
YOUR DISCOUNT!**

(Only valid against plants not already discounted in  
the nursery sale.  
Valid ONLY on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010)

Plus, if you can't make the sale weekend, here's **£5 off** a purchase made at any other

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**ANY PURCHASE OVER £25 AT  
THE NURSERY DURING  
SEPTEMBER 2010 BRING THIS  
VOUCHER TO GET YOUR  
DISCOUNT!**

(Not valid against any existing special offers or  
discounted collections.  
Not valid 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010)

time in September!

**Devon Orchid Society Meeting Sunday**  
**19<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm start.**

This month the speaker is Ray Creek talking about composts with a difference.

New members and visitors always welcome, if you would be interested to finding out more then come along to one of the monthly meetings and chat to some other orchid enthusiasts.

If you live elsewhere in the UK and would like to find out where your local orchid society is go to the British Orchid Council website: [www.british-orchid-council.info](http://www.british-orchid-council.info) for a full list or request a copy of the Grower's & Buyer's Guide

## Coffee Shop Top Choices...

For all our nursery events, why not make a day of it and stop for a spot of lunch too in The Coffee Shop!

*Here's a voucher for a free coffee!*

We asked Jocelyn who runs The Coffee Shop what their top sellers and most tasty treats are. Here's the verdict, they'll make your mouth water!

*"Why not treat yourself to a slice of Elderflower and Orange Drizzle Cake, or a Forest Fruits Flapjack. All our cakes are homemade and are delicious! We have a wide range of teas and coffees to suit everyone but for an extra indulgence, try a Mocha Choc Coffee, a top quality coffee with a dollop of melting chocolate added! Our most popular special filling for paninis, toasties or jacket potatoes is bacon with brie and redcurrant. Ideal for warming up on a brisk autumn day!"*

*Please support our Coffee Shop, thank you!!*

## Coffee Shop Offer

Visit us this month and

All coffees are

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE**

with this voucher

(The cheapest coffee of the 2 is free.  
Valid only for September 2010)

## October Dates for the Diary...

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wessex Orchid Society Show**

At Portchester Community School,  
Portchester.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Orchid Advice and Repotting Weekend  
at the nursery.**

Bring along your plants for help and advice  
from the experts!

## Jobs for September

Keep an eye on the night-time temperatures as the autumn starts to creep in. Cool growing orchids should still be fine if it is not dropping below 10 C (50 F) but the warmer growing plants need a minimum 15 C. Indoors we can allow the plants to get more light as we head into the autumn, you may wish to move them to a different room for instance. Take care if switching on central heating as this can increase the room temperature considerably which is not good for cooler growing orchids. Make sure cooler ones are kept in a room with very little or no heat (minimum 10°C/50°F) to encourage winter resting and flowering for next season.

It is at this time of year that we switch our feeding regime from high nitrogen fertiliser to one higher in potash. This helps to ripen maturing pseudobulbs and induce the flower spikes for the next season. This is especially true for summer-growing orchids such as cymbidiums, odontoglossums and cattleyas.

Our '**Orchid Focus Bloom**' is ideal for this and is what we use on the nursery.



It is available in 3 sizes: 100ml £2.99, 300ml £4.99, 1L £8.99.

## What's In Flower Now?

Make sure you take a wander around our exotic display house **Orchid Paradise** next time you visit. There are always lots of interesting and unusual orchids from around the world in bloom, from tiny miniatures to big and blowsy! A scent that will hit you but you can't quite pinpoint, it's a mixture of all the fragrant orchids that are flowering. Curious shapes that mimic insects and blooms that don't look like anything you've seen before! Many of these orchids are part of our collection of mother plants which we use to propagate by seed or division so we often have plants available for sale, just ask for current availability. If not we can maybe place you on a waiting list for a plant.

**Visit Orchid Paradise for free with this voucher below.**

**Orchid Society Members get in free anytime!**

**Open 7 days a week 10am – 4pm.**

**FREE ENTRY**  
**FOR 2 PEOPLE TO**  
**ORCHID PARADISE**  
**ON ANY VISIT DURING**  
**SEPTEMBER 2010**  
(usual price £2.50 each)

## SEPTEMBER OFFERS

Order online at [www.orchids.uk.com](http://www.orchids.uk.com)

**FLOWERING NOW!** Here are a few of our orchids that are now coming into bud for late summer flowering...

### ***Oncidium ornithorhynchum***

Still available in bud, it has a lovely fragrance and very pretty arching sprays of small candy pink flowers. **Now only £10!**



### ***Bulbophyllum Jersey***

Last month we offered the hybrid *Bulbophyllum* Valley Isle Queen and this month we have its parent, *Bulbophyllum* Jersey in spike. It has been bred with the species *B. lobbii* and *B. echinolabium* but thankfully hasn't inherited the pungent scent! It does, however, have large, showy flowers in glossy shades dark red and copper. Very easy to grow and free flowering, keep it in a warm position with good light and take care not to keep too wet, especially in winter. Our plants are now coming into bud and the stems will produce several flowers in succession over a number of weeks.

**In bud now £15!**



### ***Haraella odorata***



A charming miniature orchid, growing mounted on a small piece of cork. This species comes from Taiwan and is well suited to a warm and humid environment where it can be regularly sprayed to prevent drying out too much. The plant habit is not unlike a little *Phalaenopsis* and the flowers are singular and around 1cm across. It also has a little bit of scent.

**NEW and in Bud! £12**

### ***Pleione praecox***

This autumn flowering species of *Pleione* is always popular as it makes a change to the usual spring flowering types. It has large, lavender pink flowers with narrow petals and sepals and a wide lip. The bulbs are now starting to lose their leaves and need to be kept cool and dry from now onwards until the new leaf shoots begin in the new year. The flower buds will soon be emerging from the base of the bulb so now is a good time to buy! **£7 each or 3 for £18!**





***Miltassia Royal Robe***

If you are looking for a super specimen plant that will give you a fabulous show of rich purple flowers then here's an orchid for you!

Our plants have multiple growths, many of which are producing flower stems right now! These are easy to grow in a warm but shady position, ideal in the home. Attractive, dark green, bushy plants.

**Multiple flower spikes £40**

***Ludisia discolor***

These orchids are often grown more for their foliage as the leaves have a lovely rich, burgundy colouring and velvety texture, produced in rosettes with the flower stems from the centre. These grow upright and have many white flowers with a touch of yellow in the centre. They naturally grow terrestrially in South East Asia so like a damp, shady and warm environment. They have a spreading habit so are well suited to a shallow pan or tray to grow in over time.

We have **large, multi-leaved plants** which are starting to produce **flower spikes now £20.**



***Paphiopedilum Clair de Lune 'Edgard Van Belle' FCC/RHS***

This is a classic antique orchid, a really superb variety of the hybrid awarded by the RHS in 1935. It has proved to be an excellent grower, making strong attractively patterned foliage and is free flowering. These plants are divisions from the original awarded clone that has been grown over many years. The singular blooms are around 12cm across and are very long-lasting, making good cut flowers for arrangements. Some of our plants are now in bud with a single stem, first come first served! Grow warm, shady and moist at all times. Numbers are limited.

Rare and very special. Now in bud **£35**

**NEW ORCHIDS... A couple of minis!**

***Octomeria gracilis***

If you haven't got much space then this little miniature will fill a little gap! The thick leaves are quite long and narrow with the clusters of pale yellow translucent flowers coming from the where the stem meets the leaf. In time it can grow into a lovely little clump and have many, many flowers. Easy to care for in a cool position, our plants are potted in sphagnum moss to prevent them drying out too much.

**Flowering size to bloom within 6 months, only £12!**



***Dracula Jester***

A primary hybrid between the two species *platycrater* and *lotax*, this orchid grows just like the cool growing masdevallias or pleurothallis families. It is compact growing and stays as a little clump of upright leaves. The exquisite flowers are quite triangular in shape and have very long tips to the sepals. The plants can produce a lot of flowers at once, in time when they have grown a little bigger.

Grow cool with shade and good ventilation and humidity.

**Flowering size to bloom within 6 months only £12!**



***PHALAENOPSIS CLEARANCE SALE***

We have lots of Phalaenopsis that have finished flowering so if you love these orchids that will bloom again at any time of the year then here's where to get a bargain to increase your collection!



We will **hand pick** a selection of **different varieties** in good, strong, healthy plants that will produce spikes of large and showy flowers in a range of colours/patterns.



If you haven't tried growing orchids before then these are a great place to start as they have long-lasting flowers that can bloom all year round

***These plants were £20 but now we can offer  
3 for £25 or even 6 for £40  
that's less than £7 each!!!!***

Full instructions are included with all plants but the main points are to keep them warm, shady and not too wet. Make sure you allow the pots to dry out well in between waterings.

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Please note all prices exclude delivery.

***FIND MORE DEALS ONLINE AT [www.orchids.uk.com/shop.htm](http://www.orchids.uk.com/shop.htm)***